

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3938  
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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL JUDICIAL COMMISSION  
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**Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'SC,ST welfare scheme hit by Ministry's poor response' appearing in the 'Times of India' dated March 25, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the National Judicial Commission has been set up in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the time by when the said Commission is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) One of the items of the National Agenda for Governance is to set up a National Judicial Commission(NJC) to make recommendations for judicial appointments in the Supreme Court and the High Courts and draw up a Code of Ethics. The Government is committed to the idea of setting up the Commission to deal with these matters.

There is already a broad national consensus about the setting up of the National Judicial Commission. However, there are some matters which have to be discussed for arriving at a broad consensus, particularly, with regard to its composition. The National Commission set up to review the working of the Constitution, which conducted a debate all over the country, has also given some recommendation which is being examined. This would, however, require an amendment to the Constitution of India.